



Safety Alert

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INATTENTION RESULTS IN DAMAGED MONKEYBOARD

WHAT HAPPENED:

While pulling a stand of drill pipe from the mouse-hole the top drive hit the monkey board causing damage to the board and the top drive. The crew had just made up a stand of drill pipe in the mouse-hole and was pulling the stand up to make a connection. However, during this operation, the driller forgot to retract the top drive and while the stand was being lifted into place, the elevators/bails crashed into the monkey board.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- The driller forgot to retract the top drive prior to making the connection.
- Lack of experience, the driller had only been drilling a week prior to this incident.
- Complacency, routine jobs require the same amount of attention as special operations.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company did the following:

- Instructed company drillers to always pay attention to the steps of the procedure for every task, no matter how routine or minor it may seem.
- Reminded rig supervisors that experience is a valuable asset. The driller will continue to get more experience and he will gain confidence with every connection.
- Instructed drillers and other rig personnel not to let over-confidence make the situation complacent. Routine jobs no matter how minor shall always require 100% attention.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.

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